Militants threat to news-papers

1491 SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that National Union of Journalists at the recent meeting of their Executive Committee held at Shimla, have expressed grave concern over the militants, threats to news papers and news-persons working in Punjab and Chandigarh and also negative attitude of the State Governments of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar towards them;

(b) what action Government have taken or propose to take to meet the new danger of militants threats to news papers and journalists; and

(c) whether NUJ have also demanded speedy implementation of the Bachawat Wage Board's recommendations by certain news papers and allowance to journalists and non-journalists working in Hill States in the country, if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

Non-functioning of KALPAKKAM reactor

1492 SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether Government's attention has drawn to the editorial which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 18th December 1990, to the reports about the crippled KALPAKKAM fast breeder test reactor (FBTR) in Madras;

(b) whether it is a fact that since 1985, Kalpakkam which is considered to be the world's first breeder reactor has not even produced one watt of power against the target of 10,000 MW of nuclear power expected by 2000 AD; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what steps Government have taken so far for salvation of this crippled reactor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) Yes, Sir. However, the report that Kalpakkam Reactor is crippled is incorrect The Reactor is in healthy state

(b) The target of 10,000 MW now revised due to several constraints to 6000 MW by 2000 AD is from pressurised Heavy Water Reactors The Fast Breeder Reactor is a research reactor and is not meant for commercial operation. The Kalpakkam Fast Breeder Test Reactor is at present operating at the level of 500 KW to 1000 KW and the power level is progressing satisfactorily.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Approved Doordarshan serials under different heads

1493 SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of TV serials have been approved by the Doordarshan, Delhi during the last one year under different categories;

(b) if so, what are the names of TV serials approved by the Doordarshan during the last one year under 'Sponsored' and Commissioned categories with the dates of approval and the names of their producers with the number of episodes given to each serial; and

(c) whether Government have received a large number of proposals during the month of October, 1990 under sponsored category and if so, the details thereof and what procedures Government would adopt in processing these serial?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.